

REMARKS

The above amendment and these remarks are responsive to the Office Action of Examiner Kieu D. Vu, dated 16 July 2003, and designated non-final.

Claims 1-19 are in the case, none having as yet been allowed.

Specification

The specification has been objected to for not citing serial numbers and for having an abstract which exceeds 150 words.

Applicants have amended the specification to provide the serial numbers and filing dates for copending applications, and to shorten the abstract to less than 150 pages.

35 U.S.C. 101

Claim 20 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101.

Applicants cancel claim 20 without prejudice.

35 U.S.C. 103

Claims 1-20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Grau et al. (U.S. Patent 5,910,803) and Salas et al. (U. S. Patent 6,314,408).

Applicants invention provides a quick browse window, which is a separate window from the main window loaded with short, descriptive links to hits from a user browser initiated search of collaboration space. All independent claims variously recite these features, which are described in applicants specification at pages 64-65, and 85-87.

Neither Grau nor Salas teach such.

For example, Grau teaches a network diagram mapping tool. There is no teaching in Grau, cited by the Examiner or otherwise, of creating in a separate window links to hits resulting from a user initiated search. The browser navigation facility described at Grau Col 2, line 16 does not collect results of a user initiated search, nor is a separate window created. Grau's list 512 (Figure 5) is a pane, not a window. See Col. 7, line 52, element 615 - which is a pane, an area within an existing main window, but not a separate, or floating, window from that main window.

Further, Salas at Col. 16 is referring to the results of a poll which is periodically updated by a refresh control. This is not a search. Applicants' search is initiated by a user requesting a search of collaboration objects for documents containing specific text - and this is not the same as nor suggested by looking at current poll results.

Independent claims 1, 14 and 19 have been amended, and as amended are not taught by Salas nor Grau, nor their combination. Claims 2-13 and 15-18 depend from claims 1 and 14 respectively. Claim 20 has been canceled without prejudice.

Applicants request that claims 1-19 be allowed.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Applicants urge that the above amendments be entered and the case passed to issue with claims 1-19.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conversation with applicant(s) attorney could possibly facilitate prosecution of the case, he may be reached at the number noted below.

Sincerely,

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